

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A broadcasting reception apparatus comprising:
an input section configured to receive a password;
a registration section configured to allow
5 a plurality of such passwords to be registered;
a broadcasting reception section configured to
have its starting controlled on the basis of a result
of comparison between the password registered in the
registration section and any password input through the
10 input section;
a storage section configured to gain information
relating to a reception history with the broadcasting
reception section in a started state; and
a control section configured to control setting
15 contents, at a starting time of the broadcasting
reception section, on the basis of the information
relating to the reception history stored in the storage
section.
2. A broadcasting reception apparatus according
20 to claim 1, wherein the information relating to the
reception history stored in the storage section
contains any information on a channel on which
broadcasting has been received and a date and week days
thereon.
- 25 3. A broadcasting reception apparatus according
to claim 1, wherein the broadcasting section has a mode
under which starting is controlled on the basis of the

result of comparison between the password registered in the registration section and any password input through the input section and a mode under which starting is controlled in response to the turning on of a power supply.

5

4. A broadcasting reception apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception section comprises a channel selection section configured to receive TV broadcasting and select video and audio signals on a predetermined channel and a signal processing section configured to demodulate the video and audio signals on the channel selected by the channel selection section.

10

5. A broadcasting reception apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control section sets a reception channel at a starting time of said broadcasting reception section on the basis of the stored information of said storage section.

15

6. A television reception apparatus comprising:

a broadcasting reception section comprising

20

a channel selection section configured to receive television broadcasting and select a video signal of a predetermined channel, a signal processing section configured to apply predetermined signal processing to the video signal of the predetermined channel selected by the channel selection section, and a display section configured to display the video signal obtained by the signal processing section;

25

an input section configured to receive a password as an input;

a registration section configured to allow a plurality of such passwords to be registered therein;

5 a first control section configured to control starting of the broadcasting reception section on the basis of a result of comparison between the password registered in the registration section and a password input via the input section;

10 a storage section configured to obtain information relating to a reception history with the broadcasting reception section in a started state and store the information in a way corresponding to the password; and

15 a second control section configured to control setting content at a starting time of the broadcasting reception section on the basis of the information relating to the reception history stored in the storage section.

7. A television reception apparatus comprising:

20 a broadcasting reception section configured to select a video signal of a predetermined channel from received television broadcasting, apply predetermined signal processing to the selected video signal and display a corresponding signal; and

25 a control section configured to start the broadcasting reception section in such a state as to match an input password to a previously registered

password.

8. A broadcasting reception method using
a broadcasting reception section comprising a channel
selection section configured to receive broadcasting
5 and select a signal of a predetermined channel, and
a signal processing section configured to apply
predetermined signal processing to the signal selected
at the channel selection section, comprising:

registering a password;
10 inputting any password;
controlling a starting of the broadcasting
reception section on the basis of a result of
comparison between the input password and the
registered password;
15 obtaining information relating to a reception
history with the broadcasting reception section in a
started state and storing the information in such a way
as to correspond to the password; and
controlling setting content at the starting time
20 of the broadcasting reception section on the basis of
the stored reception history.

9. A broadcasting reception method according to
claim 8, wherein said registering comprises making
a selection as to whether or not the registration of
25 any password has been effected, receiving any input
password in such a state that the registration of
the password is selected, if the input password is

duplicated by being already registered, effecting a display to that effect, and a step of, if the input password has not been duplicated by being already registered, recording that password in a memory.

- 5 10. A broadcasting reception method according to claim 8, wherein said registering comprises making a selection as to whether or not a mode for starting the broadcasting reception section is set in accordance with an power-on operation of a power supply and, if
- 10 said starting mode is selected in accordance with the power-on operation of the power supply, making a selection as to whether or not any additional registration of a password under said mode is to be effected.